C. S. C. No. 98.

[Council to Richard Mason.]

Jany 9th 1777.

Sir. We here send you a copy of a confession made by James Larey before M' Hayward one of the Justices of the Provincial Court, in which confession he alleges that several persons were concerned with him in taking salt from M' Chamberlaine, we conceive the Assembly will not intermeddle with offenders, but have them tried by the Courts of the Countys in which offences are committed.

We therefore request you to call Larey before you and all the other persons mentioned in Larey's confession and make them recognize for their appearance at the next Court to be held at Talbot County there to be tryed or discharged by due course of Law.

We are &c.

Mr. Richard Mason.

[Jesse Hollingsworth to Council.]

Sirs. Baltimore Janry 9th 1777.

This day the Ship was sold at 4400 Pound. I bid as far as 4350 and as you never told mee any thing about her, I thought best not to go to far. I wrote you sum time ago about her, but not receiving your answer to that matter I did not now how to act. I shall lode the Brig as fast as posible with tobaco, flour and bread, the carpenters are overhalling her, I have pork and beef enuf for the Defence, and to spare for other vesells.

I wated on the Counsill of war about the Cabble from Capt. Larkin hammons but they would do nothing in it without Capt. Hammond's consent, and hee would not agree to part with his cabble at any rate. So that there could bee nothing done. Pleas write if I must purchase any more vesells. I consulted with Capt. Joseph Nicolson who was on the spot, and hee aproved of my condukt as to the Ship.

from your Humble Servant Jesse Hollingsworth

The Honourable Counsill of Safety

[T. Johnson, Jr., to Council.]

Gent.

January 9th 1777

I inclose you a letter which I received from Colo Bruce and shall be glad you'd send a commission for Charles, the you

shall be glad you'd send a commission for Charlton, the very little care taken of our men last fall has a bad effect on the minds of many

I am Gentlemen

Your most obed Serv

Th. Johnson Jun^r

The Honble Council of Safety of Maryland